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## IMPORTANT: Suspension of FACA Meetings & Activities

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

## MEMORANDUM

To: Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG)

From: Brent Rhees  
Alternate Secretary's Designee   
Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (GCDAMP)

Subject: Suspension of all Department of Interior Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) Meetings and activities

Dear AMWG members,

This message is to inform you of the suspension of all Department of Interior (DOI) Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) meetings and activities pending a review by Interior's new leadership.

As described in the attached memorandum, DOI leadership is reviewing policies and activities to determine how they align with the Administration's priorities, and a pause for all FACA committee activities will allow for such an analysis of DOI's FACA committees. At this time, all upcoming DOI FACA committee meetings are being held in abeyance. Pending the reviews and analyses of the committees, all subcommittee meetings and activities are likewise suspended. This includes FACA ad hoc group activities, meetings and conference calls.

As such, the previously scheduled May AMWG webinar has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date. In addition, the upcoming Technical Work Group (TWG) and Budget Ad Hoc Group meetings and conference calls have been likewise suspended, as well as any other AMWG or TWG ad hoc group meetings, conference calls, or activities. In addition, all pending Federal advisory committee recommendations to the Secretary are on hold until the review has been completed; for AMWG, this includes the AMWG Charter renewal and the Brown Trout workshop recommendation. Federal Register Notices for upcoming FACA meetings are also on hold.

Reclamation and the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center will continue to work through the Adaptive Management Program (AMP) budget, and ongoing AMP research and monitoring activities will continue under the implementation of the Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan. Additionally, I anticipate that DOI agencies will continue to perform their respective agency functions and missions and that those agencies with management

responsibilities will continue to seek opportunities to collaborate and engage in stakeholder outreach, particularly regarding nonnative invasive fish issues in Glen and Grand Canyon.

During the review of the AMWG Federal advisory committee, I intend to communicate to DOI leadership the dedication and collaboration of AMWG members as well as the successes of the GCDAMP. I will highlight that the AMWG is made up of highly qualified individuals with technical expertise and demonstrated professional or personal qualifications.

Lastly, I want to send a personal note of appreciation to each of you. I greatly value your input and participation in the AMWG. I believe the role of the AMWG strengthens the Adaptive Management Program, making it more efficient, effective, and responsive. We will be communicating with you as the Departmental FACA review progresses.

Enclosure

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## Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretaries

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Subject: Boards and Commissions

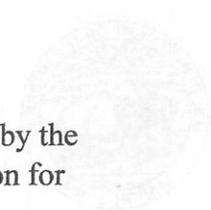
The Secretary is committed to restoring trust in the Department's decision making, and that begins with institutionalizing state and local input and ongoing collaboration.

The Department currently includes more than 200 boards, committees, subcommittees, commissions, and other internal and external advisory bodies (committees) that are authorized to meet periodically and solicit input.

To maximize feedback from these committees and ensure their compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the President's recent executive orders, and the Secretary's recent secretary's orders, the Department is currently reviewing the charter and charge of each committee. This review necessitates the postponement of all meetings, which will be rescheduled for September 2017 or later.

To assist with this review, please direct the bureaus/offices you oversee to provide you with the following information by May 22, 2017:

- (1) the most recent charter, and any prior versions if there have been significant changes over time;
- (2) the costs and resources required annually to support the committee;
- (3) a list of both Federal and non-Federal members/alternates, to include their organization, whether they represent the Department of the Interior, and their term limits;
- (4) whether the committee is mandated by statute/law, authorized by statute/law, or established pursuant to Agency authority (provide a copy of the enabling legislation and any amendments);

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- (5) brief description of the benefits, services, and/or recommendations provided by the committee to the Department and bureaus (i.e. provide a narrative justification for the committee);
  - (6) other information relevant to understanding the purpose of the committee; and
  - (7) the most recent annual schedule of meetings, including when the next meeting would be held, the location of the meeting, and if the meeting has been noticed in the Federal Register.

Additional briefings may be scheduled to discuss the material. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretariat at (202) 208-3181.

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